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1. DEVELOPMENTS IN THE BALTIC FISHERIES ARE BECOMING
UNTENABLE TO DANISH FISHING INTERESTS. THE SQUEEZE
PRODUCED BY THE EXTENSION OF LIMITS IN THE BALTIC BY
SWEDEN, POLAND AND GDR WILL SEVERELY RESTRICT THE FISHERIES
CONDUCTED FROM THE DANISH OWNED BALTIC ISLAND OF BORNHOLM.
THIS PROBLEM HAS RECENTLY BEEN COMPOUNDED BY THE EASTERN
BLOC'S REFUSAL TO ACCEPT THE ISLAND OF GOTLAND AS A
MEASURING POINT FOR SWEDEN'S NEW LIMITS. AS A PROTECTIVE
MEASURE THE DANES WOULD LIKE, THROUGH THE EC, TO EXTEND
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THEIR BALTIC LIMITS AROUND BORNHOLM. HOWEVER, AT
PRESENT THEY ARE RELUCTANT TO PROCEED BECAUSE OF
THE SITUATION WITH GOTLAND. IN THE MEANTIME, IT
APPEARS A WHOLE NEW SERIES OF FISHERY NEGOTIATIONS
BY THE EC WITH THE BALTIC STATES WILL BE NECESSARY
TO PERPETUATE THE BORNHOLM FISHERIES.

2. DENMARK IS ALSO BEGINNING TO HAVE SOME TREPIDATION ABOUT THE FINAL RESULTS OF THE EC'S COMMON FISHERY POLICY WHICH IS GRADUALLY BEING PUT TOGETHER. HEAVY OVERFISHING IN THE NORTH SEA DURING THE LAST DECADE HAS FINALLY REACHED THE POINT OF NO RETURN AND IT APPEARS SEVERE FISHERY RESTRICTIONS FOR CONSERVATION PURPOSES WILL ALSO REDUCE DENMARK'S FISH PRODUCTION IN THOSE IMPORTANT WATERS. DENMARK'S HISTORY OF EMPHASIS ON INDUSTRIAL FISHING LEAVES IT VERY VULNERABLE TO THE MOVE TOWARDS CONSERVATION. AS INDUSTRIAL FISHING TRADITIONALLY USES SMALL MESH NETS, CONSIDERABLE TONNAGE OF JUVENILE SPECIES OF FOOD FISH HAVE BEEN LANDED BY THE DANES. THIS PRACTICE IS WELL KNOWN IN THE FISHING COMMUNITY AND IS HELPING TO ENGENDER THE OPPOSITION TO THE DANISH DESIRE TO RETAIN THE STATUS QUO.
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